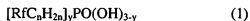


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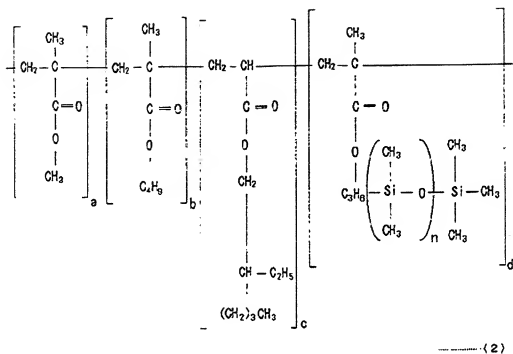
Kindly amend claim 17 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A water-in-oil emulsified sunscreen cosmetic, comprising:
- a) hydrophobic zinc oxide powder, manufactured through a method in which a zinc oxide powder is dispersed in a solvent, and
- the surface of the zinc oxide powder is treated with a phosphate ester having a perfluoroalkyl represented by general formula (1) as follows:



(wherein Rf is a perfluoroalkyl group or a perfluorooxyalkyl group having 3-21 carbons that is a straight chain or branched and is a single chain length or a composite chain length; n is an integer from 1-12, and y is a number from 1-3), and an ester of a copolymer of 30,000-300,000 MW of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, methacrylate, methyl methacrylate, or butyl methacrylate and a methylpolysiloxane some of whose methyl groups have been substituted with a hydroxypropyl group, to produce the hydrophobic zinc oxide powder, said ester of a copolymer represented by general formula (2) as follows:

[Chemical formula 2]



(wherein n is an integer, a, b, c, and d are mole ratios within the copolymer and are not 0, and d is at least 40 mole percent but not more than 60 mole percent),

wherein the hydrophobic zinc oxide powder is manufactured using microparticle zinc oxide powder having a first-order particle diameter of 1 μm or less, and the amount of solvent that is used is within a range of 50 to 90 wt% of the zinc oxide powder;

(b) volatile silicone;

(c) 1-10 wt% caprylmethicone, based on the total weight of the sunscreen cosmetic, the caprylmethicone further present in an amount of 12.5-40 wt% of the amount of volatile silicone;

(d) 0.5-4 wt% of a polyoxyalkylene-modified organopolysiloxane;

(e) water; and

(f) from 0-2 wt% of a nonvolatile non-polar oil and/or nonvolatile silicone oil, wherein the hydrophobic zinc oxide powder absorbs from 10-40 mL/100g of oil, and said sunscreen cosmetic exhibits excellent long lasting coverage and ease of washability.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The water-in-oil emulsified sunscreen cosmetic according to claim 1, further comprising (g) an organic modified clay material.

5-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The water-in-oil emulsified sunscreen cosmetic according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein the organic modified clay material is one or more of hectorite treated with benzyl dimethyl stearyl ammonium chloride and hectorite treated with distearyl dimethyl ammonium chloride.